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## Claims

1. A packaged hair removing product comprising a container and a hair-removing layer therein, wherein the container comprises a sheet formed with a shallow well, the hair-removing layer being retained in the shallow well, the container further comprising a closure member which retains the hair-removing layer in the container, the closure member being removable or displaceable from the container to permit removal of the hair-removing layer, wherein the hair-removing layer has a depilatory action and said layer is in inseparable contact with a substrate, to form a patch.
2. A product as claimed in claim 1, wherein the substrate projects laterally from the layer and the sheet has a stepped recess by accommodate snugly the layer and the projection of the substrate beyond the layer.
3. A product as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the sheet has a flange or rim around the whole of its periphery against which the closure member is sealed.
4. A product as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the layer comprises a polymeric material.
5. A product as claimed in claim 4, wherein the polymeric material comprises polyvinyl alcohol.
6. A product as claimed in claim 5, wherein a cosmetically acceptable gel-promoting agent is employed with the polyvinyl alcohol.

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7. A product as claimed in claim 6, wherein the cosmetically acceptable gel-promoting agent is a borate or boric acid.

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8. A product as claimed in claims 5, 6 or 7, wherein the depilatory composition is an aqueous composition comprising water in an amount between 40wt% and 90wt%, of the total weight of the composition.

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9. A product as claimed in any of claims 5 to 8, wherein the composition further comprises a polyhydric alcohol.

10. A product as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the depilatory composition is alkaline.

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11. A method of depilation comprising (a) removing or displacing a closure member of a product as claimed in any preceding claim, to access the layer; (b) applying the layer to the skin; and (c) removing the layer from the skin.

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12. A method of manufacturing a product as claimed in any of claims 1 to 10, comprising the steps of: (a) introducing the hair-removing composition as a warm, flowable composition into the shallow well; and (b) closing the container by means of the closure member.

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13. A hair-removing product substantially as described herein.

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14. A method of depilation substantially as described herein.

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15. A method of manufacturing a hair-removing product substantially as described herein

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